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Education

Ph.D., School of Automation, Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing, 2012.9-2019.1. Adviser: Chen Chen and Bin Xin.

Visiting Scholar (Joint Ph.D. Student), Center for Applied Optimization, Industrial and Systems Engineering, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 2016.9-2017.9. Adviser: Panos M. Pardalos.

B.Eng. in Electronic and Information Engineering, Exchange Student, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, 2011.1-2011.6.

B.Eng. in Automation, Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing, 2008.9-2012.6.

Employment

Associate Research Fellow, Signal and Communication Research Institute, China Academy of Railway Sciences Corporation Limited, 2021.9-present.

Assistant Research Fellow, Signal and Communication Research Institute, China Academy of Railway Sciences Corporation Limited, 2019.7-2021.9.

Research Interests

Railway Scheduling, Evolutionary Computation, Optimization under Uncertainty, Multi-objective Optimization.

Publications

Papers under review/revision

1. Y. Sun, S. Ding, Y. Zhang, S. Yang, Y. Ren, L. Liu. "Application of Cloud Model Theory in Reliability Evaluation of Autonomous Machines in High speed Railway CTC System". *Zhongguo Tielu/China Railway*, 2024, revise.
2. Y. Zhang, C. Chen*, L. Jia, S. Ding, M. Lu, D. Fang. "Exact and Approximation Algorithms for Unified Maximal Angular Coverage Optimization in Wireless Sensor Networks". *IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing*, 2024, submitted.
3. J. Wu, C. Pu*, S. Ding, G. Cao, X. Shu. "Robustness-Oriented and CNN-Assisted Evolutionary Optimization for New-Node Deployment in Wireless Sensor Networks". *IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing*, 2024, revise.

4. L. Jiao, Z. Peng*, M. Guo, S. Ding, J. Cui. "Location-routing problem with interdependent mobile depots for post-disaster relief". *Expert Systems with Applications*, 2023, revise.

Book

1. S. Ding, C. Chen, Q. Zhang, B. Xin, P. M. Pardalos. *Metaheuristics for Resource Deployment under Uncertainty in Complex Systems*. Boca Raton FL, USA: CRC Press, 2021.

Journal Articles

1. M. Guo, B. Xin*, J. Chen, S. Ding. "An objective-guided multi-strategy evolutionary algorithm for multi-objective coalition formation". *Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence*, 2025, 143: 109961.
2. R. Wang, Z. Yuan*, L. Yan, Y. Lv, S. Ding. "Deductive Approach of Multi-train Operation Situation for High-speed Railway". *Zidonghua Xuebao/Acta Automatica Sinica*, 2025, 51(5): 1-13.
3. Q. Fu, S. Ding, T. Zhang*, Z. Yuan, R. Wang, P. Hu, S. Yang. "A Knowledge and Data Collaboration-Driven Approach to High-Speed Railway Train Delay Prediction". *Zhongguo Tielu/China Railway*, 2024, accepted.
4. Y. Sun, T. Zhang*, Z. Yuan, S. Ding, Y. Zhang. "Risk Assessment of Autonomous Computer in High-Speed Railway CTC Systems Based on Improved FMEA". *Journal of Railway Science and Engineering*, 2024, accepted.
5. K. Sheng, S. Feng, C. Pu, S. Ding*. "Modeling the delay propagation dynamics in high-speed railway networks with a traffic-driven SIS epidemic model". *International Journal of Modern Physics C*, 2024, XX(XX): 2450248.
6. Q. Fu, S. Ding*, T. Zhang, R. Wang, P. Hu, C. Pu. "Short-term train arrival delay prediction: a data-driven approach". *Railway Sciences*, 2024, 3(4): 514-529.
7. Y. Sun, T. Zhang, S. Ding, Z. Yuan*, S. Yang. "Risk assessment of high-speed railway CTC system based on improved game theory and cloud model". *Railway Sciences*, 2024, 3(3): 388-410.
8. Y. Wei, X. Zeng, H. Fang*, Y. Ding, S. Ding. "Generalized Nash equilibrium seeking for directed nonsmooth multi-cluster games via a Distributed Lipschitz algorithm". *IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems*, 2024, accepted.
9. J. Lin*, S. Li, N. Qin, S. Ding. "Entity Recognition of Railway Signal Equipment Fault Information Based on RoBERTa-wwm and Deep Learning Integration". *Mathematical Biosciences and Engineering*, 2024, 21(1): 1228-1248.
10. S. Ding, T. Zhang*, K. Sheng, Y. Chen, Z. Yuan. "Key technologies and applications of intelligent dispatching command for high-speed railway in China". *Railway Sciences*, 2023, 2(3): 336-346.
11. R. Wang, T. Zhang, Z. Yuan, S. Ding, Q. Zhang*. "A train timetable rescheduling approach based on multi-train tracking optimization of high-speed railways". *Railway Sciences*, 2023, 2(3): 358-370.
12. R. Wang, Q. Zhang*, X. Dai, Z. Yuan, T. Zhang, S. Ding, Y. Jin. "An efficient evolutionary algorithm for high-speed train rescheduling under a partial station blockage". *Applied Soft Computing*, 2023, 145, 110590.
13. S. Ding, T. Zhang, R. Wang, Y. Sun, X. Zhou, C. Chen, Z. Yuan*. "Improved Genetic Algorithm for Train Platform Rescheduling Under Train Arrival Delays". *Journal of Advanced Computational Intelligence and Intelligent Informatics*, 2023, 27(5): 959-966.

14. S. Ding, T. Zhang*, C. Chen*, Y. Lv, B. Xin, Z. Yuan, R. Wang, P. M. Pardalos. "An efficient particle swarm optimization with evolutionary multitasking for stochastic area coverage of heterogeneous sensors". *Information Sciences*, 2023, 645, 119319.
15. S. Peng, X. Yang*, S. Ding, J. Wu, H. Sun. "A dynamic rescheduling and speed management approach for high-speed trains with uncertain time-delay". *Information Sciences*, 2023, 632, 201-220.
16. J. Cai, Z. Peng*, S. Ding, Z. Wang, Y. Wei. "A problem-specific parallel pareto local search for the reactive decision support of a special RCPSP extension". *Complex & Intelligent Systems*, 2023, 9(6): 7055-7073.
17. J. Wu, C. Pu*, S. Ding, G. Cao, C. Xia, P. M. Pardalos. "Multi-objective optimization of transport processes on complex networks". *IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering*, 2023, 10(2): 780-794.
18. L. Jiao, Z. Peng*, L. Xi, M. Guo, S. Ding, Y. Wei. "A multi-stage heuristic algorithm based on task grouping for vehicle routing problem with energy constraint in disasters". *Expert Systems with Applications*, 2023, 212, 118740.
19. R. Wang, Q. Zhang*, T. Zhang, T. Wang, S. Ding. "Intelligent Adjustment Approach for Train Operation Based on Monte Carlo Tree Search-Reinforcement Learning". *Zhongguo Tiedao Kexue/China Railway Science*, 2022, 43(5): 146-156.
20. Y. Sun, T. Zhang, T. Wang, S. Ding*, K. Sheng, Z. Li. "Reliability Evaluation of High Speed Railway Traffic Control System Based on Cloud Model and Combined Weighting Method". *Tiedao Yunshu Yu Jingji/Railway Transport and Economy*, 2022, 44(8): 103-109.
21. R. Wang, Q. Zhang*, L. Yan, S. Ding. "Online Deduction of Train Operation Situation under Regional Temporary Speed Restriction". *Tiedao Yunshu Yu Jingji/Railway Transport and Economy*, 2022, 44(7): 127-132.
22. J. Cai, Z. Peng*, S. Liao, S. Ding. "A multi-mode multi-skill project scheduling reformulation for reconnaissance mission planning". *SCIENCE CHINA Information Sciences*, 2022, 65(6): 169201.
23. L. Yan, Q. Zhang*, S. Ding, R. Wang. "High-Speed Railway Train Operation Adjustment Based on Bi-Objective Optimization". *Zhongguo Tiedao Kexue/China Railway Science*, 2022, 43(2): 161-171.
24. S. Ding, T. Zhang*, Z. Liu, R. Wang, S. Lu, B. Xin, Z. Yuan. "A Memetic Algorithm for High-Speed Railway Train Timetable Rescheduling". *Journal of Advanced Computational Intelligence and Intelligent Informatics*, 2022, 26(3): 407-417.
25. S. Ding, T. Zhang, R. Wang, Z. Yuan. "Research on Rescheduling of Arrival and Departure Tracks at High-speed Railway Passenger Station". *Tiedao Tongxin Xinhao/Railway Signalling & Communication*, 2022, 58(8): 32-36.
26. R. Wang, Q. Zhang*, T. Zhang, P. Lin, S. Ding, Z. Yuan. "Real-time rescheduling approach of train operation for high-speed railways using problem-specific knowledge under a station blockage". *SCIENTIA SINICA Informationis*, 2022, 52(11): 2121-2140.
27. L. Jiao, Z. Peng*, L. Xi, S. Ding, J. Cui. "Multi-agent coverage path planning via proximity interaction and cooperation". *IEEE Sensor Journal*, 2022, 22(6): 6196-6207.
28. C. Chen, X. Wu*, J. Chen, P. M. Pardalos*, S. Ding. "Dynamic grouping of heterogeneous agents for exploration and strike missions". *Frontiers of Information Technology & Electronic Engineering*, 2022, 23(1): 86-100.

29. L. Yan, Q. Zhang*, R. Wang, S. Ding. "Train Operation Analysis Based on Dynamics". *Tiedao Yunshu Yu Jingji/Railway Transport and Economy*, 2021, 43(8): 64-70.
30. Y. Ren, Q. Zhang*, Z. Yuan, T. Wang, S. Ding, Z. Li. "Optimization of train platform utilization at high-speed railway stations based on arrival and departure distribution of trains". *Harbin Gongye Daxue Xuebao/Journal of Harbin Institute of Technology*, 2021, 53(8): 137-143.
31. X. Wu, C. Chen*, S. Ding. "A modified MOEA/D algorithm for solving bi-objective multi-stage weapon-target assignment problem". *IEEE Access*, 2021, 9: 71832-71848.
32. J. Cai, Z. Peng*, S. Ding, J. Sun. "Problem-specific multi-objective invasive weed optimization algorithm for reconnaissance mission scheduling problem". *Computers & Industrial Engineering*, 2021, 157, 107345.
33. L. Yan, T. Zhang, Y. Gao, R. Wang, S. Ding*. "Reliability analysis of station autonomous computer system based on fuzzy dynamic fault tree and Markov model". *Engineering Reports*, 2021, 3(8), e12376.
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35. W. Xu, C. Chen*, S. Ding, P. M. Pardalos. "A bi-objective dynamic collaborative task assignment under uncertainty using modified MOEA/D with heuristic initialization". *Expert Systems with Applications*, 2020, 140, 112844.
36. Q. Zhang, Z. Yuan*, L. Yan, T. Zhang, Y. Miao, S. Ding. "A Railway Train Number Tracking Method Using a Prediction Approach". *IEEE Access*, 2019, 7: 138288-138298.
37. S. Ding, C. Chen*, B. Xin, P. M. Pardalos. "A bi-objective load balancing model in a distributed simulation system using NSGA-II and MOPSO approaches". *Applied Soft Computing*, 2018, 63: 249-267.
38. S. Ding, C. Chen*, B. Xin, J. Chen, "Status and progress in deployment optimization of firepower units". *Kongzhi Lilun Yu Yingyong/Control Theory and Applications*, 2015, 32(12): 1569-1581.
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2. Y. Sun, S. Ding, T. Zhang, Z. Yuan, J. Wang, S. Yang. "Research on Competency of High-Speed railway Train Dispatchers for Intelligent Dispatching System". *2024 Chinese Automation Congress (CAC)*, Qingdao, China. 2024, accepted.
3. S. Ding*, T. Zhang, Z. Yuan, Y. Sun, Q. Fu, P. Hu. "Efficient Multi-Objective Evolutionary Algorithms for Railway Train Platforming Rescheduling Under Arrival Delays". *2024 Chinese Automation Congress (CAC)*, Qingdao, China. 2024, accepted.
4. Y. Zhang, C. Chen*, S. Ding, F. Deng. "An Integer Programming Approach for Angular Coverage under Uncertainty". *2024 63rd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, Milan, Italy. IEEE, 2024, accepted.

5. T. Wu, Y. Zhang, C. Miao, C. Chen*, S. Ding. "Mixed-Variable Correlation-Aware Metaheuristic for Deployment Optimization of 3-D Sensor Networks". In *Proceedings of the 2024 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*, Melbourne, Australia. ACM, 2024: 1390-1398.
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7. Y. Ren, Y. Sun, S. Ding, Z. Li, X. Zhou. "Research on risk identification of human errors of train dispatchers in high-speed railway". *Seventh International Conference on Traffic Engineering and Transportation System (ICTETS 2023)*, Dalian, China. SPIE, 2024, 13064: 6-13.
8. S. Ding, L. Yan, Y. Sun, Y. Ren, X. Zhou, Q. Fu. "Evolutionary Multi-Objective Optimization for High-Speed Railway Train Timetable Rescheduling with Optimal/Suboptimal Solutions into Initial Population". *2024 Australian & New Zealand Control Conference (ANZCC)*, Gold Coast, Australia. 2024: 259-264.
9. Y. Zhang, C. Chen*, T. Wu, C. Miao, S. Ding. "Surrogate-Assisted Hybrid Metaheuristic for Mixed-Variable 3-D Deployment Optimization of Directional Sensor Networks". *The 5th International Conference on Data-driven Optimization of Complex Systems (DOCS'2023)*, Tianjin, China. 2023.
10. Y. Sun, S. Ding, K. Sheng, Y. Ren. "Research on Operation Risk Assessment of High-Speed Railway Intelligent Dispatching Centralized Traffic Control System". *The 17th China Intelligent Transportation Annual Conference 2022 (ITSAC 2022)*, Chengdu, China. 2022.
11. S. Ding, T. Zhang*, R. Wang, Y. Sun, X. Zhou, Chen Chen*. "A Mixed Encoding Genetic Algorithm for Train Platforming Rescheduling under Train Delays". *The 10th International Symposium on Computational Intelligence and Industrial Applications (ISCIIA2022)*, Beijing, China. 2022: 1-6.
12. Y. Sun, S. Ding, Z. Li, Y. Ren, K. Sheng, Y. Yang. "Research on Human Reliability of the High-speed Railway Intelligent Dispatching Centralized Traffic Control System", *2022 IEEE 7th International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Engineering (ICITE)*, Beijing, China. IEEE, 2022: 111-116.
13. G. Gao, B. Xin*, Y. Mei, S. Lu, S. Ding. "A Multi-objective Evolutionary Algorithm with New Reproduction and Decomposition Mechanisms for the Multi-Point Dynamic Aggregation Problem". In *Proceedings of the 2022 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*, Boston, USA. ACM, 2022: 1182-1190.
14. S. Ding*, T. Zhang, R. Wang, C. Zhang, S. Lu, B. Xin*. "A Comparative Study on Evolutionary Algorithms for High-Speed Railway Train Timetable Rescheduling Problem". *The 7th International Workshop on Advanced Computational Intelligence and Intelligent Informatics (IWACIII2021)*, Beijing, China. 2021: 1-6.
15. S. Ding, R. Wang, X. Zhou, Y. Ren, K. Huang*. "High-Speed Railway Train Timetable Rescheduling in Case of a Stochastic Section Blockage". *2021 Chinese Automation Congress (CAC)*, Beijing, China. 2021: 4322-4327.
16. S. Ding, Q. Zhang*, Z. Yuan. "An under-approximation for the robust uncertain two-level cooperative set covering problem". *2020 59th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, Jeju Island, Republic of Korea. IEEE, 2020: 1152-1157.
17. J. Cai, Z. Peng*, S. Ding, J. Sun. "A Robust Genetic Algorithm to Solve Multi-Skill Resource Constrained Project Scheduling Problem with Transfer Time and Uncertainty Skills". *2020 IEEE 16th International Conference on Control & Automation (ICCA)*, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. IEEE, 2020: 1584-1589.

18. Y. Wei, S. Ding, H. Fang*, X. Zeng, Q. Yang, B. Xin. "Distributed Nonsmooth Robust Resource Allocation with Cardinality Constrained Uncertainty". *2019 Chinese Control Conference (CCC)*, Guangzhou, China. IEEE, 2019: 5758-5763.
19. X. Sun*, S. Ding. "Bunker hedging with expected loss control by buffered probability of exceedance and conditional value-at-risk". *In Annual Conference of the International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME)*, Kyoto, Japan. 2017.
20. Z. Sun*, S. Ding. "Research on Standardized Development Method of Scenario for Combat Information Simulation System". *In Proceedings of 33rd Chinese Control Conference (CCC)*, Nanjing, China. IEEE, 2014: 6298-6303.
21. S. Ding, J. Chen, C. Chen*, B. Xin. "An improved deployment algorithm for wireless sensor networks based on Particle Swarm Optimization". *In Proceedings of the Ninth China-Japan International Workshop on Internet Technology and Control Applications*, Beijing, China. 2013: 138-142.

Reviewer for Journals

Advanced Control for Applications

Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence

Applied Computational Intelligence and Soft Computing

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Complexity

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IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems II: Express Briefs

IEEE Transactions on Computational Social Systems

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IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Vehicles

Information Sciences

International Journal of Information Technology & Decision Making

Journal of Advanced Computational Intelligence and Intelligent Informatics

Journal of Advanced Research in Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology

Journal of Advanced Transportation

Journal of Control Science and Engineering

Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems
Journal of Robotics
Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing
Knowledge-Based Systems
Mathematical Biosciences and Engineering
Mathematical Problems in Engineering
Mechatronic Systems and Control
Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications
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Soft Computing
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The Journal of Supercomputing
The Scientific World Journal
Transportation Planning and Technology
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Unmanned Systems
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Reviewer for Conferences

Chinese Automation Congress (CAC)
Chinese Conference on Swarm intelligence and Cooperative Control (CCSICC)
Chinese Control and Decision Conference (CCDC)
Chinese Control Conference (CCC)
International Workshop on Advanced Computational Intelligence and Intelligent Informatics (IWACIII)

Research Experience

Principal Investigator, Research on multi-objective optimization and decision-making for high-speed railway rescheduling under uncertainty, National Natural Science Foundation of China, No. 62203468, 2023.01-2025.12.

Principal Investigator, Research on the train scheduling and decision making system under uncertainty, Foundation of China Academy of Railway Sciences Corporation Limited, No. 2019YJ071, 2019.10-2020.12.

Participant, Theory and methodology of autonomous cooperative operation control in high-speed railway, National Natural Science Foundation of China, No. U1934220, 2020.01-2023.12.

Teaching

Beijing Institute of Technology

Final Year Project (B.Eng.): Instructor Assistant, 2014.

Wings' Project funded by Beijing Municipal Commission of Education: Instructor, 2013-2014.

Honors and Awards

IWACIII 2021 Session Best Presentation Award, 2021.

Innovation Award (second place) from the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, 2018.

Outstanding Reviewer, Applied Soft Computing (Elsevier), 2018.

JACIII Young Researcher Award, 2017.

Second Prize in National Postgraduate Mathematic Contest in Modeling, 2013.

Outstanding Postgraduate Student, 2012-2013.

Third Prize in the Programming Contest in Beijing Institute of Technology, 2012/2013.

Second Prize in National Undergraduate Electronic Design Contest, 2011.

Five-time recipient of People's Scholarship in Beijing Institute of Technology, 2008-2012.

Academic Positions

Program Committee Member, The 11th International Symposium on Computational Intelligence and Industrial Applications and the 15th China-Japan International Workshop on Information Technology and Control Applications (ISCIIA-ITCA 2024).

Program Committee Member, The 8th International Workshop on Advanced Computational Intelligence and Intelligent Informatics (IWACIII2023).

Session Chair, "Multi-agent System and Intelligent Transport", The 10th International Symposium on Computational Intelligence and Industrial Applications (ISCIIA2022).

Session Chair, "Intelligent Scheduling and Optimization", The 7th International Workshop on Advanced Computational Intelligence and Intelligent Informatics (IWACIII2021).

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